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Utopia

Somewhere under God's starry dome,
Is a realm of perpetual life and bliss,
A land of perfection and eternal satisfaction,
And this country is literally in this!
It is most certain in the spirit world,
Where the soul meets and knows its God,
After earthly things have all been expelled
And the soul washed in His blood.

John lived in it after having come from the isle,
In sweet fellowship with the Father and the Son
His body on the earth but his soul in the bliss,
In communication with the Holy One.
This land is not thickly inhabited, oh, no,
But a few dwellers live there all the while—
A land of eternal riches in perfect peace—
And they all live in heavenly style.

Some have said no law is better government
But Jesus did not say that was true;
The law He gives for self-government,
And His grace is sufficient for you.
You get into this land of splendor and beauty,
But it may cost you all your treasure of gold;
But the saints of all ages will welcome you,
And your treasures will be pleasures untold.

—M. S. Lemons.

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Notices

All Annual Reports of local churches must be in the office prior to the Assembly in order to appear in this year's minutes.

Please, district overseers, pastors and clerks, do not neglect this important business. Unless you report, our records are incomplete. Let us have your report at once.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

CORRECTION.—In my report of a revival at Coosa Valley Church of God, conducted by Brother Peoples, I stated that he was from Anniston, Ala., but he is from Sumiton, Ala.—Mattie Ball, Rt. 2, Vincent, Ala.

To the Sunday Schools in Virginia: North Pulaski takes the banner this month. Roanoke came second and Deerfield third. I have been elected to serve you the coming year and I hope to be able to do better for the Sunday Schools. There has been a very good gain in attendance throughout the state, so remember to continue reporting to the same address. You will soon receive a supply of report cards to replenish your need.—Marvin E. Porter, State S. S. Supt., Austinville, Va.

Brother J. W. Webb is in a revival at Georgetown, Tenn., on Highway No. 58. Thirty saved, fifteen sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. God is wonderfully blessing. He desires the prayers of the people that God will give them a church at this place. Brother Webb is doing a good work.—Carl C. Cox.

To the saints in the Birmingham vicinity and south of Birmingham: I have a good truck which will carry about thirty. If you are interested in going with me to Chattanooga to the Assembly, get in touch with me not later than Sept. 25. The charge will be only one dollar each round trip. I will leave my home in Birmingham Saturday, Oct. 3. We will stay until the Assembly closes.—L. B. Johnson, 1000 South Bessemer Rd., Birmingham, Ala.

We are now in an old-time revival in Eldorado, Ill. God is blessing. The saints seem to be working hard and the church is in good shape with Brother J. R. Thomas pastor. Please pray for this revival. Twenty-five or more were at the altar last night.—C. E. Richard, 2090 Wise St., Eldorado, Ill.

Brother W. C. Hendrix has been elected clerk of the Church of God at Woodruff, S. C. His address is 11 Bumcombe St.

Our home coming at the Church of God, Hilliard, Fla. will convene the third Sunday in September. There will be all-day services and dinner on the ground. All are welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket.—Walter Crews.

To the churches and pastors of Alabama: If you desire to say who you would like to have for pastor another year, write the name of the minister you desire on a strip of paper, give it to the

missionaries to be examined, we feel that it is very necessary for the Board to have a meeting before the Assembly. Therefore, I am setting the date for this meeting Sept. 28, 8:00 a. m., in the Council room at the Evangel office, Cleveland, Tenn. All members of this Board are requested to be present. We also invite all prospective missionaries that wish to come before the Board to be present on the above date.—E. W. Williams, chairman of the Mission Board.

I would like to get passage with some one going to the Bishops' Council. Those near by write me at once.—E. L. Moore, 4th & Holly, Sanford, Fla.

We are in a revival at Statesville, N. C. All near-by churches are invited to come and help us. The last Sunday in September we will have a home coming with dinner on the ground. Come with a well-filled basket and let us have a good time together.—Ray Collins, pastor.

To the Church of God in Mississippi: You are hereby notified that the fourth Saturday night in September is set for all churches that wish to voice their desire for pastors. Let the clerks with the deacons prepare slips of paper for each individual and let all members who wish to, write first and second choice for pastor. Let the clerk or deacons collect same without checking the vote and mail to me at once. Please pray much and leave political influence out.—T. M. McClen-don, state overseer.

REQUESTS

Dear brothers and sisters, I still have the Holy Ghost and am trusting the Lord for soul and body. My body is weak and I ask every member, especially the ones who know me, to pray a special prayer for the healing of my body.

I had the privilege of visiting my old home at Kennedy (Cody), Ala. back in August, in time of a revival. It surely was good to be there. Brother Raymond Taylor is pastor there and he surely is a good shepherd over his sheep. The church seems to be on fire for God. I am striving to live the life that when the saints go marching in I'll be in the number.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. F. L. Bobo, Rt. 1, Hamilton, Miss.

Every one who knows the worth of prayer, please pray for the healing of my body as my head is giving me lots of trouble and I know God is able to heal. I am fully trusting Him. Please pray for my baby too.—One who loves the Lord, Mrs. Roy Douglas, 816 N. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

SPECIAL PRAYER for the GENERAL ASSEMBLY Sept. 27, 1936

We would like to ask all who will, to please join us in fasting and prayer on this day that God will be with us in a special way; that He will direct us as we face these "last-day problems," and give us a most glorious Assembly.

We wish it were possible that all the members everywhere could attend this Assembly, but we know this is impossible, so you who cannot come, please pray especially that God will direct our great Assembly.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

clerk and he or she can mail them to me.

Pastors, be sure to be up with your missions, aged ministers quota, and camp ground fund. Remember the work is depending on you and you will want another job, so do your best. Most of the pastors have raised their quota. We have one new tent already paid for and some money on the second one. Come on and do your part. I'm sure you will.—G. C. Dunn, state overseer of Alabama.

To those who would like to go with me to the Assembly: Write me at 3039 Mary St., Coconut Grove, Fla. at once. I would like to get three passengers from the East Coast if possible. Write me where you are and I can let you know the price I will take you for.—W. B. Sumner, 3039 Mary St., Coconut Grove, Fla.

To the members of the Foreign Mission Board: Whereas there are many items of business to be considered by the Board, and perhaps several prospective

Schism

PAUL P. CARPENTER

"That there should be no schism in the body," 1 Cor. 12:25.

Let us begin with the first verse wherein St. Paul makes use of the word "schism." It is in the 10th verse of the first chapter of his first epistle to the Corinthians. "I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions (schisms) among you." Can anything be plainer than that the schisms here spoken of were not "separations from" but "divisions in" the Church of God at Corinth? Accordingly it follows: "But that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." You see here that a union in mind and judgment was the direct opposite of the Corinthian schism. This consequently was not a separation from the Church but a separation in the Church, a division in mind and judgment (perhaps also in affection) among those who notwithstanding this, continued outwardly united as before.

Of what nature this schism at Corinth was is still more clearly determined, if anything can be clearer, by the words that follow: "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ." Who then does not see that the schism for which the apostle here reproves the Corinthians is neither more nor less than the splitting into several parties as they gave the preference to one or another preacher? This species of schism will be occasion to guard against in all the Church of God.

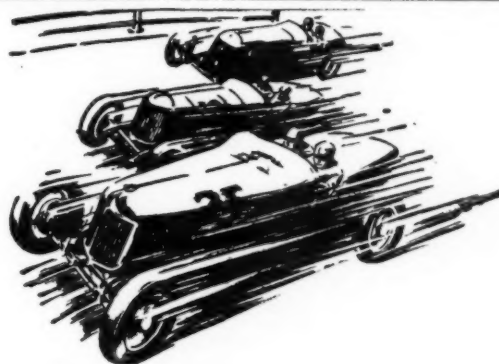
The second place where the apostle uses this word is in the eighteenth verse of the eleventh chapter of this epistle, "Where ye come together in the church," "or the Church of God congregations," I hear that there are divisions or schism among you. But what were these schisms? The apostle immediately tells you in v. 20 "when you come together professing, your design is to eat of the Lord's supper, every one of you taketh before another, his own supper as if it were a common meal." What then was the schism? It seems in doing this they divided into little parties which cherished anger and resentment one against another, even that solemn season. I believe the sin which the apostle charges on the communicants at Corinth was precisely this, the taking one before another his own supper and in such a shocking manner that while one was hungry another was drunken. By doing

this He says ye eat and drink damnation or judgment to yourselves for sinning in this vile manner many are sick and weak among you. Observe here two things. First, what was the sin of the Corinthians? It was taking one before another his own supper so that while one was hungry another was drunken. Secondly, what was the punishment? It was bodily weakness and sickness which without repentance might end in death. The third place in this epistle wherein the apostle uses this word is the twenty-fifth verse of the fifteenth chapter where speaking of the church he seems to mean the church universal, the whole body of Christ. He observes God hath tempered the body together having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked. That there be no schism in the body, vs. 24, 25 he immediately fixes the meaning of his own words, "But that

the members might have the same care one for another and whether one member be honored all the members rejoice with it." We may easily observe that the word "schism" here means the want of this tender care of or for each other.

Now then back to my thought, is there no sin resembling what so many writers who are so learned and pious have termed "schism" and which all of the members of the great Church of God have need to carefully guard against? I do not doubt but what there is and I can not tell whether this too may not in a remote sense be called "schism." I mean a causeless separating from the Church of God. There is no absurdity in taking the Word in this sense, though it be not strictly scriptural. For how little a thing soever it may seem and how innocent it may be accounted "schism," even this sense is both evil in itself and productive of evil consequences. It is evil in itself to separate ourselves from the body of the Church of God. It's a grievous break of the law of God. It is the nature of love to unite us together and the greater the love, the stricter the union.

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Editorials

LITERATURE

We wish to urge the people to send in their orders for Sunday School literature within the next ten days as the Assembly begins Oct. 2 and our book room help will be at the Assembly. Please get your orders in so we can get it mailed out before we have to make preparation for the Assembly.

TO OUR AGENTS

All who are wishing to order books of any description, please get your orders in within the next ten days so they can be shipped out before we make preparation for the Assembly. You will help us greatly by doing this.

ACCOUNTS

To all who have received statements or owe us accounts: We will greatly appreciate it if you will send us a remittance to cover same at once. Our books will close Sept. 15. The Assembly is almost here and we have many good accounts and would appreciate your remittance as early as possible.

THE GREAT ASSEMBLY

The Assembly is drawing near. Many are making preparations to come. To all of our salesmen everywhere: In previous Assemblies we have had lots of trouble with credit and selling things from the bookstand through our agents, which takes so much of the time of the clerks and bookkeepers. We have decided that everything sold from the bookstand during the Assembly will be cash. We have also decided that those who wish to place orders with the clerks at the bookstand may do so but the order will not be shipped until after the Assembly closes.

There will be nothing sold from the bookstand on commission, for we will take only a supply from the Publishing House that we feel will meet the demands of those who wish to buy for cash.

BETTER

The key word of the Epistle to the Hebrews is the term "better." It occurs not less than thirteen times. Heb. 1:4; 6:9; 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24. In 1 Cor. 12:31 this same word is "best."

Christ is better than the prophets. Deut. 18:15, "The Lord thy God will raise up thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him he shall hearken." This refers to Jesus and was given by their great leader who exhorted them to heed the voice of Christ when He should appear.

Christ is better in His utterances because He is the living Word of God and God the Word. Heb. 1: 1, 2, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir to all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

Christ is better in His relation to God because He is the Son of God and heir of all things. Matt. 16:16; John 4:25, 26; John 6:6-9.

Christ is better in His person. The prophets were creatures and Christ is Creator. He made the worlds. Eccl. 12:1; Luke 6:5; Luke 24:19; John 1:3.

Christ is better in His glory. The prophets were but men, Christ is the brightness of God's glory. Heb. 1:3, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person."

Christ is often referred to as the Light of the world. When Paul met Him a great light shone from heaven and in many instances His presence brought light. He is spoken of as the Light shining out in dark places.

Christ is better in His likeness to God. He is the express image, etc. The image of God in Him is not blurred by sin. Heb. 1:3, "Upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

Christ is better in His power. The prophets were upholden and He upholds. The prophets were upholden by God Himself. Many of them had power to call fire down from heaven, also to quench the violence of fire, and heal the sick, and they were upholden by the Lord in many ways too numerous to mention. Christ upholds us by His mighty power and makes it possible for us to be overcomers.

Christ is better in His work. The prophets could not cleanse from sin but He could. Heb. 13:12, "Wherefore Christ also, that he might sanctify (cleanse) us with his blood, suffered without the gate." The priestly order and their sacrifices did not have power to cleanse from all sin. The blood of bulls and goats and heifers could not take away sin, but Christ who is our better hope can.

Christ is better in His place. He is seated at the right hand of God. The prophets could only occupy a servant's place, but Christ sitteth at the right hand of God to intercede for us.

Christ is better than the angels, because He is the Son and they are servants. Heb. 1:5, "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thy art my son, this day have I begotten thee. And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"

MINUTES

As the Assembly is nearing some few of our state overseers have returned the Minutes they did not sell. We have several hundred copies on hand. Any one wishing to order one may have it at 20c. In lots of one dozen, 18c each.

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I am here giving several books that are of great value. First, two books by E. L. Moore, "Law and Sabbath Keepers on Trial" and "Some Startling Facts." We will ship to any one both of these books for 15c. There is lots of good information in these two books that will be a great blessing to those who are earnestly seeking the truth. You may order from the Publishing House.

F. J. LEE'S BOOKS

"Life Sketch and Sermons" which sold for \$1.00, we are offering until the Assembly for 50c. This book is cloth-bound and contains many sermons just like Brother Lee preached them. In this day of apostasy every preacher should have one. We also have his little book of "Lectures on Revelation" which we are offering until October 1 at 15c per copy, and we have a few copies on "Demology" which we are offering for 25c.

The PERISCOPE

TREASURES NEW AND OLD FROM
FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

WATCH FOR THE LITTLE FOXES

Solomon's Song 2:15

Abstain from all appearance of evil,
1 Thess. 5:22.

It is in the little things and things that seem insignificant, the smaller details of the Christian life, that the finer traits of Christian character are demonstrated. If one fails in the common place, little things of everyday life, how futile will be his attempt to make good in a larger or more responsible place. In business, in friendship, little things count, and, if possible, more so in the Christian life.

In the outward life of the victorious Christian you see a few smiles, hearty handclasps maybe, a few kind words and friendly acts, and a general Christly bearing, little things all, but you are convinced at once of the genuineness of his profession and have no hesitation in taking him into your fellowship.

But the little things on life's journey we must watch. Some are good and many are bad. There're more little things in life's makeup than there are big ones. There are the bad little foxes that are ever ready to devour our tender grapes, and there are some good things that will help to build us up in the Christian way if we observe them. Let us notice some of them.

"Let not then your good be evil spoken of," Rom. 14:16.

Some one says, "I don't care what they say about me." That is all right if you are criticized for something connected with your faithful testimony and your godly, self-denying, but it's all wrong if you have been seen where you should not have been, or said something that was unchristlike, or failed the Lord in some way, and you are defending yourself; that's wrong. It means that you do not care if you have grieved your Lord and that you are out of the Spirit. You should care and seek to live above reproach, that your Lord may be glorified in you under all circumstances, lest a bigger fox devour you.

Foolish talking and jesting are to be avoided. Eph. 5:4.

There is no way that you may get rid of the keen edge of your good experience more quickly. It is a sure way to

kill the conviction that is upon sinners, and if indulged in very long it will destroy the revival spirit from among us. A good, sane, pleasant conversation is proper on all ordinary occasions, but foolish talking, jesting and joking are never a sign of spirituality among the young or old, and especially are they objectionable in the choir or in any spiritual service.

Perhaps "talkativeness" would come under this head too, as well as Paul's exhortation against "foolish and unlearned questions" (2 Tim. 2:23). That "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity" and "that it defiles the whole body," many have proved, as James declares. Please read James third chapter.

Let us walk honestly. Rom. 13:13.

Do you have a reputation for promptness in going, paying, writing, or doing things as you promise. It should be a matter of conscience with you to be prompt always in keeping your word, even in small matters as well as in more important things. How can sincere worshippers of the Lord get into the habit of forgetting and failing to keep their word, and do it over and over again. This is certainly a little fox that has visited many a Christian's grape vine, and to what proportions these foxes grow!

"Let us lay aside every weight."—Heb. 12:1.

Often it is asked, "Is this a sin?" "Is that a sin?" There are many things that are not sinful within themselves—little bywords, manners, habits, etc., but they are not helpful to the Christian's life or to his influence, so it is better to leave them off. Hence the exhortation, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin," etc. It is certain that we cannot be too careful in living the Christian life. It is always proper to watch and pray lest we "enter into temptation."

Do not behave "unseemly" in private or in public. 1 Cor. 13:5.

How often Christians, and even ministers of the gospel, have conducted themselves in public places in such a manner as to cast a reflection on their profession. We should remember that we are the representatives of Jesus as truly on the highway, in restaurants, or anywhere else, as we are in a prayer meeting.

A Hunting License.

Some one asked, "Is it wrong to hunt without a license?" You don't buy and sell and run your shop nor your car without a license. If for any reason you have no conscience about a license, remember Paul said we are to be subject to "the powers that be" (Rom. 13); and still, what about the "appearance of evil"? It is to be avoided.

What about traffic laws?

Are they to be regarded? Do they not apply to us? How many would obey them if they had it to do over again, and how about those who through their disrespect of these laws are gone where they need them no more. My brethren, if the law says forty or forty-five miles per hour and you drive sixty or seventy, are you not an offender? And besides, you dodged the traffic cop to get away with it. We are supposed to be law-abiding citizens, but what kind of an example are you? Think of 35,000 fatalities, 100,000 others seriously hurt and millions of dollars damage sustained annually, and most of this because of speeding. Are you guilty?

No man can expect to succeed in business, or in any profession, unless he gives special attention to the little things, the details of his life work, and it is very sure that a man who will be a 100 per cent follower of Jesus must do the same.

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Jesus said of Judas, "Better for that man had he never been born." It is better not to have lived than to live a mean, low, selfish life.

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Learning, like humility, does not need to be advertised. Be patient and folk will discern both.

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Little souls delight in fault-finding; big ones, in appreciating. Mean folk are always minus folk; it is the great hearts who are the plus ones. They add to life and make it richer; they call out all that is best within us by the sunshine of their appreciation.

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It is indeed blessed, the deep happiness of heaven, to be so free from self that whatever is said of us or done to us is lost and swallowed up in the thought that Jesus is all.

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There is no greater man than the preacher of the gospel who is not seeking applause, office, or money, but the glory of Christ in the salvation of human souls; who feels the call of God within him and the power of God upon him; who believes Bible truth, feeds upon it, and who would rather break it as the bread of life to his fellow beings than to have all the honors and wealth of the world.

Williston District Y. P. E. Convention

Convened at Williston, Fla. Aug. 30, with Brother C. M. Phillips, district pastor, in charge. The services opened with songs, prayers, and a testimony service conducted by Sister Alice Stephens. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way. Brother Phillips brought the eleven o'clock message on "The First Love" which was convincing and soul-stirring. Next was a beautiful table spread which was enjoyed by all.

Gathering back with songs and prayers, heaven seemed to be very low. Praises of victory and shouts of joy over the congregation were heard. Brother W. C. Butler spoke on "Love." Brother J. C. Thompson, pastor from Zellwood church, spoke on "Behold Eyes have not seen and ears have not heard." Sister Carmel Barnwell spoke on "My Experience from Childhood." She also sang a special. The district was well represented with visitors from Sulphur Springs, Brooksville, and Zellwood churches. Prayer for the Y. P. E. on this district.—Mrs. J. W. Coleman.

REQUESTS

Dear Evangel readers, we want prayer for Mrs. Emmy Glass and Mrs. Alpha Core. They are both trusting God for their healing. Do pray that God will heal them for His glory.—Mrs. Hazle Barker, Covington, La.

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Please pray for the church at Taylorsville, N. C., that the dear Lord will bless. I have an unspoken request and I ask that you please pray for God to undertake and get glory to His name.—A sister in Christ, Dovie Pratt, Taylorsville, N. C.

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Dear saints, I request prayer for my family. Please pray a special prayer for it. My husband has T. B. and is unsaved. Pray for my baby, she has asthma very bad. And my little seven-year-old boy has weak lungs. I am the only one in this home who is saved. I live eight miles from a Church of God and haven't been able to be in service in about six months or more. Some one sent an anointed handkerchief to my husband and he has been better ever since he put it on his chest. Praise God! Pray that God will send some Church of God preacher here to this town to run a revival for it surely is needed.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Maggie Lazarus, Apopka, Fla.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my wife, she is unsaved.—Your brother, John H. Saunders, evangelist, Harbour Island, Bah., B. W. I.

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I have an unspoken request that I ask you to pray for. Pray that God in some way will undertake. Pray for me to get closer to the Lord and always stand for the whole Word of God regardless of the cost.—Eva Liford, Canton, N. C., Box 371.

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Dear Evangel readers, please pray a special prayer for my health. I have been saved and sanctified and desire all the saints to pray that I will get the abiding Comforter. My wife has the baptism. Pray that we will stay in the center of His will. I have an urgent, unspoken request. Please pray earnestly for it.—A brother in Christ, Bruce Brumfield, Gill, W. Va.

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I thank God for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am trusting God for my body and ask the saints everywhere to pray for me. I have a ringworm on my face and it gets worse all the time, so everyone please pray that I may be healed. Take it to the Lord for I mean to trust Him all the way. I feel like holding on more now than ever before. Pray till your prayers go through.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. A. Goss, Demorest, Ga.

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I enjoy reading the Evangel. I have been reading it for quite a while. Now I'm afflicted and need help from God as I trust Him for both soul and body. I ask every Christian to pray for me to be healed.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Luther Corn, Gainesville, Ga.

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WINBORN, Miss. — Our revival closed at this place Aug. 30th with a handshake, God bless you, and "pray for me." Brother L. H. Brewer came over and helped us, he did some good preaching. Many came to the altar under conviction, but only two or three were willing to pay the price. Dear saints, we are living in a day when not many people will give up the world and take up the cross but we cannot give up when many souls are dying without the love of God in their lives. The Master said men ought always to pray and not to faint. Three were saved and three baptized in water and added to the church. Pray for us that we will faint not but grow in grace.—Yours for the Master, M. L. Muse.

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Dear people of God everywhere, please pray for me that God will touch and heal my body which has been afflicted for some time, and that I will have faith

and that God will pour out His blessings upon me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Eaythel Spears, Hubball, W. Va.

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Dear saints, I need your prayers that I might have more faith and that I will be completely healed, that I might be humble and obedient. I have a dear mother who wants your prayers, she has a serious head trouble. The doctors have given her up and she is looking to God. I desire the prayers of all the saints for the healing of her body. If any one feels led to fast and pray, please do pray that God will completely heal her, also sanctify and fill her with the sweet Holy Ghost. Pray for my sister who is very sick, also pray for all of my unsaved loved ones who need God. Please don't forget to pray for my mother.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lillian Poole, East Marion, N. C.

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I am sick with T. B. of the lungs. I also have complications and my nerves are very bad. I have been in bed most of the time since July 6. I'm trusting the Lord and want you to pray a special prayer for me to be healed and that I will have more faith. I have two little girls and a little boy and I would like to live to raise them for the Lord. Their bodies are also afflicted. Please pray for them to be healed. I have an unspoken request for loved ones in this home. If anyone feels impressed to send me a word of encouragement, it will be greatly appreciated as I live over twenty miles from the nearest Church of God. Please don't pass this up until you first pray. Do pray that the Lord will come to my rescue.—Lucy L. Daniels, Union Grove, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 53.

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A CIRCLE TOUR OF GALILEE

By J. H. INGRAM

We had just completed a bus trip from Jerusalem to Haifa, as described in a former article, so we will now double back, making a circular tour of Galilee. We spent one night in Haifa and took the early morning train for Samakh on the sea of Galilee near the Trans-Jordan frontier. I still had the Church Army Captain, Mr. Roberts, as my travelling companion. On leaving the city, the Ladder of Tyre may be seen far away, jutting out in the Mediterranean sea to the left—rear. To the right Mt. Carmel rises up steeply. This section is inhabited mostly by the Druses, who have other centers in Lebanon and the Jabel Druse in the Hauran. To our left a few miles away the ancient Tell El Harbaj rises from the level plain. It is thought to be the site of "Harosheth of the Gentiles," where Sisera kept his "Nine hundred chariots of iron," Judges 4:1-3. Ancient cities of this country were usually built of mud bricks and were very congested. The houses were terraced and literally stacked on top of each other, so to speak. So when they fell into ruins the bricks gradually dissolved, that is the top layers and the whole heap took on the form of a tell, hill, or mound. These hills are usually grown over with grass and appear to be a part of the original creation, but once the outer surface is removed by excavations, the foundation of the city and parts of the houses are often found to be intact, with some of the furnishings strewn about. The ruins of old Jericho described in an earlier article was built after this manner. On the trip back to Galilee we crossed the River Kishon again. It did not have much water in it at the time, but in the rainy season is a torrent. Read Judges 5:21.

We now enter the great Plain of Esdraelon, a vast and fertile plain which has been a battlefield in all ages, and is thought by some to be the place where the Battle of Armageddon will take place. In the past, Egyptian Pharaohs, Thothmes III, and Rameses II, Canaanite kings, Israelite and Jewish warriors, Gideon, Deborah, Barak, Saul and also King Josiah, who was killed in battle here, have all led their armies across this plain to defeat or victory. Then too, the Greeks and Romans, Crusaders and Saracens. Napoleon and

Allenby, of the late war, have all fought within the sight of the fortress Megiddo, which was off to our right, on a hill jutting out into the fields. The fortress "Megiddo" is rightly named since it means "the place of troops."

Passing again the Jewish town of Afula, we cross the road followed from Jerusalem by bus, and entered the Valley of Jezreel, passing the site of the ancient city. I could realize the distance Elijah had to run—about eighteen miles—in going before Ahab from Mt. Carmel to Jezreel, 1 Kings 18:42-46; read also about Naboth's vineyard, 1 Kings 21:1-16. At this point we had descended to the level of the Mediterranean Sea, so the great depth of the Jordan Valley and the Sea of Galilee could be more easily marked, as we continued the long descent, with the Mountains of Gilead for a background.

A little beyond Jezreel at the foot of the slope, are some rocks, with a cave and a pool of water. This is "The Well of Harod," now called 'Ain Jalud, or "Gideon's Spring." This is where Gideon tested his soldiers and chose the 300 who scooped up water with their hands instead of kneeling down to drink. Incidentally, the writer was converted upon hearing a sermon preached about Gideon's victory here over the Midianites. Read Judges 7:1-25.

Coming to the station of 'Ein Harod, there were some Jewish Colonies to the right, at the back side of the Valley of Jezreel, from where Mt. Gilboa rises to 1,648 feet above the plain. At the foot of the hill runs the track along which Jehu drove furiously from Ramoth Gilead to Jezreel. See 2 Kings 9:1-37. This mountain was the scene of King Saul's last fight, his defeat by the Philistines, and the death of the king and his three sons—Jonathan, Abinadab, Melchishua. Read 1 Sam. 31:1-13, and especially David's touching lamentation in 2 Sam. 1:1-27. The next station was Beisan, the old Canaanite city of Beth-shan, the ruins of many cities lie buried here. It was to the wall of this city Saul's body and those of his sons were nailed by the Philistines, till the men of Jabesh Gilead came and bore them away. In later years many famous people came here—David, Solomon, Holophernes, Antiochus the Great, Judas Maccabaeus, Queen Cleopatra, Pompey, the Crusaders, and Saladin.

We are now about 500 feet below sea level, with good views to the right of the Jordan valley. And before we could

hardly realize it the train was speeding across the Jordan River bridge. The ancient bridge, Jisr el majami, could be seen near the railway crossing. Immediately afterward, on the left, was the River Yarmuk, which we are crossing presently, near its junction with the Jordan. There were splendid views of both rivers from here, and there was a hydro-electric plant on the Jordan, which furnished electric current to the surrounding country and towns. Directly opposite us in the hills, is the deep gorge down which the Yarmuk runs from the high plateau of the Mountains of Gilead.

We are now approaching the Samakh station. Gadara, a city of Decapolis may be seen from here, and the beautiful, blue, Sea of Galilee stretches out to the left. The railway continues, winding up the Valley of the Yarmuk, to Deraa, forty-six miles distant, and thence seventy-seven miles to Damascus. I had included Damascus in my itinerary, but for lack of time and because of the trouble, I postponed the trip. We brought a company of Trans-Jordan troops over on the train, to reenforce the border patrol at this point. It looked like there were more soldiers than citizens in the little town, but the place was very quite otherwise.

There being no taxis or buses running to Tiberias, we set out on foot, to walk the twelve kilometers (about eight miles). Some three miles from Samakh we came to a Jewish colony and got a taxi to take us on to the city. On arriving at Tiberias we went to the Scottish Mission Hospital and were directed to a place to stay in the home of a retired matron, who had her house on a high hill overlooking the city and the Sea of Galilee. From here we took a car around to the upper end of the sea, to the ruins of the old Jewish synagogue lately uncovered on the site of ancient Capernaum. It was here that Jesus preached and worked miracles of healing during His ministry. He also made His dwelling place at Capernaum. See Mark 1:21-34; Matt. 4:13.

A short distance from here, a clump of trees marked the place where the Jordan enters the Galilee, the river here forms the boundary between Palestine and Syria—now a French protectorate. I forgot to mention that we crossed over the Jordan again on the way up to Tiberias. The scenery was most beautiful where it flows out of the lake. The Jordan has its main source some distance from here, to the north, toward Mt. Hermon which could be seen clearly with its mantle of pretty white snow, towering above the clouds at times. On the way up to Capernaum we crossed the little plain of Gennesaret in the Tribe of Naphthali. The traditional site of the feeding of the five thousand may be

seen on this trip. Matt. 14:15-21. Also the Mount of Beatitudes, which is rather high, and has a flat top. Read Matt. 5. Safe, high in the mountains above us, northeast of the lake, is said to be the "city that is set on a hill," referred to by Christ during His Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 5:14.

The sun was sinking behind the Galilean Hills back of the city when we returned to the guest-house, and the reflecting rays showed up most beautifully the mountainous country of the Gergesenes, with its chief city Gergesa to be seen in the hill-tops, across the sea. This is also known as the country of the Gadarenes, which continues more to the south from here, toward the city of Gadara. It was hereabouts that Jesus cast the two thousand devils (evil spirits) out of the man from the "the tombs" with the unclean spirit. Twilight is now stealing over the sea, and as the women are busying themselves preparing the evening meal, we thought to go for a stroll about the town and along the seashore. It was a glorious feeling indeed—far beyond my powers of expression—to have this grand, twofold privilege, that of following Christ in the Spirit, and also walking where He once walked, while here in the flesh. We thought it would be nice to take a little boat ride, so we engaged a boatman and rowed away. Cutting the shore lines, we went out to sea a ways, then headed for a rocky breach some little distance from the city. The water was so calm at the time, and so clear and fresh-looking—blue, too, as all deep, clear water appears—we decided to "jump in," in fact we had anticipated a swim and came prepared. So we landed on a big rock and dismissed the lad with his boat. The water was so cold, I could not resist the temptation to take a drink of it. It is now time for supper, and by the time we had climbed the hill to the house, our appetites did not need any coaxing. Darkness had now enveloped the country, but it never really seems to get "dark." The stars were very bright, and we sat on the porch for meditation and prayer, until the moon—nearly full—came up over the Mountains of Gilead to the southeast, forming a silvery path of light across the Galilee—a scene I shall never forget. In the meantime, ere the moon had shown her face, a huge meteor came tumbling down out of the skies, lightening up the heavens with a brilliant flame of fire, of greenish-yellow hue. It seemed for a time it would splash into the water before it burned out, or disappeared through space. We were up in the morning early for prayer, and to see the sunrise across the sea. We then took our breakfast, and went for a stroll along the seashore before saying farewell. I gathered out a

couple of small stones along the beach, and filled a bottle with water, which I am bringing back to America. The Sea of Galilee is about six miles wide by twelve miles long and is said to be very deep. It is 682 feet below the main sea level and appears to be the crater of an old volcano. Most of the rocks round about are of volcanic origin.

BACK TO NAZARETH AND JERUSALEM

We took the bus from Tiberias to Nazareth, a distance of about twenty miles; height above sea level, 1,602 feet, making 2,284 feet we had to climb to get there. After we had climbed a thousand feet, the Sea of Galilee came in sight again, to the rear of us, with the "Horns of Hattin" ahead of us to the right. Here the road skirts the broad plain of Ahma, in which the crusaders were disastrously defeated by Saladin at the Battle of Hattin in 1187 A. D., thus bringing to an end the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. Next comes Cana of Galilee, where Jesus with His mother and His disciples visited the wedding, and where He performed His first miracle by turning the water into wine—and you may be assured it was not the intoxicating kind, but rather "sweet wine." Read the story of the wedding in John 2:1-12. It was this occasion that gave rise to the wonderful saying of the holy mother, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." Cana is now called Kefr Kenna.

We presently enter the Tribe of Zebulun and pass the village of El Mashad the Gath Hopher of 2 Kings 14:25, and the birthplace and home of the prophet Jonah. The name Nebi Yunis is still used for the old tomb on top of the hill here. There was a cold spring above us in the hills, and the water had been piped down to a fountain by the side of the road where we stopped to get a drink, while the soldier guards were checking up on the convoy, consisting of several trucks and cars in addition to the bus. We soon pass the old village of Raineh on our left, which was much damaged during the great earthquake of 1927. Next we enter and pass through Nazareth, where we only made a brief stop. To our right, was the Virgin's Well, where Mary the mother of Jesus was said to have come to draw water, during their residence here. There was a large arch over it and large numbers of women and girls were going and coming with their water jars upon their heads or shoulders. We saw men working in the quaint old carpenter shops that lined the narrow streets, and could imagine ourselves living once again in the days when the Boy Jesus applied the trade in this same spot. Capt. Roberts continued by the same bus to Haifa, where he was to take the train back to Jerusalem, but I got off here and started on foot to the

Jewish settlement of Affula about six miles distant, where I spent the night and took a bus next day going to a junction near Nablus (Shechem) where I was picked up by the British soldiers and taken on to Jerusalem in an ammunition truck. I came this way especially in order to see Jacob's well. So while the convoy was making ready at the camp a mile away, I ran down the road thinking to join the company farther along. When I passed the barbed wire entanglements thrown about the headquarters, I was warned that to do so was at my own risk, and some seemed to think I would be a dead man before I got very far down the road, but on I ran, determined to go through, not fearing since the Lord had let me see all this years ago in a dream—as stated before. It was hot and the road was dusty, but I did not mind that. Arriving at the huge, iron door, through which one must enter the high, stone wall, that enclosed the well itself, I discovered that it was shut. So I grabbed up a large stone and began hammering for dear life. The old Greek Monk or priest came with a large key, unlocked the door and let me in. The Greeks started to build a church over the wall, but only got as far as to put up the walls, and have long since ceased to build. The well was formerly in a sort of hollow or deep recess in the surface of the earth. A small chapel has been built over this, and one must enter by going down a flight of steps, like a cellar-way, and return through another outlet just to the left of this one.

In my article on "Jacob's Well" in 1933, I stated that the water had failed, and they were cleaning it out. Up until that time the well was only said to be eighty feet deep. Now they say it is about one hundred thirty feet deep and has thirty feet of water in it. The top of the well, or the mouth rather, is cut out of a single stone, and is probably the original well-mouth whereon Jesus sat while He preached to the woman of Samaria, John 4:6. The hole cut through the rock cover is about eighteen inches in diameter, while the well itself is nine feet across. Outside the stone "well-box" is fixed a small stone, or cement basin, where the weary pilgrims who come to drink can also bathe their face and hands in the cool, clear, refreshing water. There is a sort of windlass attachment for drawing up the water, and the bucket in use looked like it might be made of silver, and caused the water to sparkle, as it were, in the light of the candles, the only means of illumination in the cavern-like basement room. The keeper lowered a tray into the well with three lighted candles, so that I might realize its great depth. I rested briefly as I sat on the stone forming the mouth, then knelt in

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LET'S DRESS UP FOR THE ASSEMBLY

BY JOHN L. STEPHENS

I am sure great preparations are being made by our people to attend the oncoming Assembly. No doubt much money will be spent and much time will be used to get ready, but I do trust our preparation for this occasion will be to please the Lord. Usually the first thing in mind, for a trip (and most assuredly on a special occasion), will be, I want to look well. Well, on this occasion, were we going for looks only, we would, no doubt, dress quite differently. Were we going to see and be seen, we would dress quite differently.

Thank the Lord, we have other things in view, than just an outward appearance, so I would say, in our preparation let's not forget to look in God's Word and dress accordingly, and don't forget, the Lord will then take care of the looks. He sees not as man sees. While man looks on the outward appearance, God looks on the heart, so dear ones, the main object of this meeting, is not only to meet with one another but to meet with the Lord. (Why yes, it is our everyday prayer now that the Lord will meet with us in this Assembly.) Well then, surely we want to be dressed and properly dressed where He will be looking, so as He is going to be looking at the heart we surely better check close and have this in shape (for right there is where He will see).

Now were we going out to dress and decorate for a large gathering as the world would, we would go dressed in the latest fashion. As they are so shallow, full of folly and pride, and their vision so short, they only prepare for an outward appearance, some of which is rolled socks, painted faces, arched eyebrows, permanent waves, or finger waves, painted finger nails, and, of course, simple, disgusting conduct, and a spirit to match. Besides all this outward appearance, it would take too long to tell what might be in their hearts—envy, hatred, malice, strite, jealousy, pride, selfishness, covetousness, evil thoughts, lust, and foolishness—so they are dressed neither inside nor outside for the Lord, and no wonder they are a long ways from the Lord.

So to each and every prospective delegate I would say, let's dress, but with the robe of righteousness, and with the garments of salvation, and be clothed with humility. Then when we smile it will be a godly smile, and when we glory it will be good glory, and when we meet we will have fellowship, (and what I mean, real fellowship with connection from above), and love, (yes, that divine love) that will enable us to look each other sincerely in the face with the fullest of

confidence, and my such an Assembly as the Lord will give, PROVIDING WE ARE ALL DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION. Amen.

Church of God Precious to Me

MOBILE, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers, please pray for your new brother in the Church of God. I've been with the Assembly for some time, carried license with the Assembly. I have known Brother Agee five years and love and honor him for his teaching qualities. I thank Brother Agee, Sister Davenport, and Sister Burkett for holding on to God in prayer for me until at last, oh, glory to God! I see the Church of God. Oh, it is precious to my soul.

I united with the Church of God in Mobile last Sunday. Oh, what a service we had, how God blessed our waiting souls. I am in the ministry for lost souls and The Church of God. Pray much for me. Please pray for our church here in Mobile.—Your new brother, Joe Devitt.

We Can Make the Landing

RALSTON, Okla.—I am glad for what the Lord is to me. I am glad all these good blessings are still in my life. Twenty-one years ago April 17 God wonderfully blessed my soul and gave me the Holy Ghost, and it is just as real as it was then. Oh glory!

We don't get to go to Church of God meetings but how I love her, none can fill her place in this world with me. I am so glad God can put such a determination in our hearts; in spite of every foe we can make the landing.—Mrs. H. M. Norton.

Death Notices

WELLS

On Aug. 11, 1936 our dear Brother Aaron Wells, pastor of the church at Old Grase, went to his reward. He was seventy-one years of age. The funeral was conducted by our district overseer, D. T. Miller, and interment made in the Old Grase cemetery.—Alma V. Cartwright, secretary, Bahama Islands.

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On April 12, 1936 God called my dear father away. He was seventy-four years, two months, and twelve days old.—Zyepher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

MASON

Barney Mason, our beloved brother in Christ, died Aug. 10, 1936. He was baptized Sunday afternoon and Monday morning was killed in the mines. It was sad but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—Mrs. Alcy Ritchie, clerk, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

MULL

Death claimed our darling mother, Mrs. J. D. Mull, Aug. 19, 1936. She was a loving mother and faithful wife. Please pray for this family, that God will save her husband and boys.—Her daughter, Mily Mull, Andrews, N. C.

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REVIVALS

The Copperhill, Tenn. church launched a campaign against the devil Aug. 9 which continued three weeks. Sister Bessie Suits did the preaching. She is a good evangelist. God wonderfully blessed in each service. Ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, twelve were sanctified, and many were saved. Only eternity will reveal the greatness of this revival. The church here is much alive and on fire for God.—Robert Bell, pastor.

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — I am glad to report the good revival we had in Jellico, Tenn. God was with us at the beginning and His presence was felt. We were there three weeks. The house was packed every night and numbers were turned back because there was no room. The altar was full of seekers every night. The church was on fire. Some were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven added to the church, and nine baptized in water. Jellico, Tenn. has a real band of saints who love God and His cause. They are true blue. Brother Ivan Stone, a good, humble man, is pastor. The church loves him. They have raised almost enough money to build a new church. They plan to start it soon, I understand.—Your brother in Christ, G. W. Hodges, evangelist.

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PICKENS, S. C. — We have just closed a revival in this new field. The Lord surely did bless. The pastor, Brother Roy Sloan, assisted by Sister Sara Rice began the revival and in a few days Brother and Sister J. A. Hanvey joined in and did some wonderful preaching and singing for us. Our state overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, visited us one night and delivered a soul-stirring message. During the revival seventeen were saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost. On the last night of the revival our pastor preached on the Church and a new church was set in order with ten members. Pray for the work here.—Fred W. Brewer, clerk.

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TRINITY, Tex.—We are in a glorious revival here. God is blessing us in a wonderful way. We came here immediately after the camp meeting and started a battle for souls. Thus far seven have received the Holy Ghost, quite a few have been saved, and four or five are enjoying the joyous experience of sanctification. Just last night we had the privilege of seeing an eloquent and refined woman of this city, a member of

The Church of Christ, come to the altar in prayer and supplication, pour out her heart to God and illumination and holiness covered her heart and countenance, where heretofore had rested skepticism. The end of this revival is not yet.

This is Brother W. F. Ainsworth's district and church respectively. He has done a great work here this year notwithstanding the sorrow which he has undergone by the death of his saintly and faithful wife, leaving him with five small children. Here stands two nice new church buildings on the district, which are a monument to his efforts and co-operation of the saints and his many friends.

I never saw greater unity anywhere than exists here between the saints and their pastor. He has many friends outside the church and the influence of the town. Pray that God will continue to give us souls.—Your servant, Evangelist Homer C. Smith, Weatherford, Tex.

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THOMASVILLE, N. C. — I praise God for the revival that closed here last week. The messages were wonderful. The church as a whole was helped and several souls were saved, sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. The revival spirit is still on. One has been sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost since the meeting closed. Brother Cagle did the preaching. Pray for the church at Thomasville, N. C.—Humbly, Edna Allred.

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DAISY, Tenn.—We have just closed a revival at Daisy, Tenn. The Lord wonderfully blessed. About eighteen received the Holy Ghost. We had visitors from Chattanooga, Pine Grove, Soddy, and Dividing Ridge, whom we were glad to have. Brother Jim Jeffries of Soddy did the preaching. Pray for the church at Daisy.—The pastor, Frank Swaggerty.

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McRAE, Ga.—We just closed a five and one-half weeks' revival in a new field in Te fair county. A goodly number were saved, several sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and a church set in order at this place by Bishop W. M. Livingston, overseer of the McRae district, with seven members. The name of this church is Central Grove. A baptismal service will be held Sept. 13.

Brother Livingston did most of the preaching assisted by Evangelist Clayton Towns, Sister Carrie Vaughn and the writer. Many other good helpers were present from near-by churches whose help was appreciated very much. Pray for us.—Earl Powell, evangelist.

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FERNANDINA, Fla. — We just closed a revival Sept. 6 with great results. The Lord came down in a wonderful way. Eight were saved, eight sancti-

fied, one filled with the Holy Ghost and on the last night we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord blessed us. Pray much for us.—T. Wimberly (colored).

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OMAHA, Nebraska.—We have had a hard battle this year but are still holding on to God. Brother and Sister Snyder, our state overseer and wife, came here to hold a revival. The change of climate and severe cold weather were a great hindrance, but the messages brought by Brother Snyder under the anointing of the Holy Ghost were appreciated by all. Everybody loves them and missed them very much when they left. Our prayers go with them and may God bless them in every effort they make for the Church of God and Jesus Christ.—Herald Phillips, pastor, 2225 S. 14th St.

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LONGVIEW, Miss.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Bradley, Miss. Sister Martha Womack and Sister Lula Mixon were in charge. We had a wonderful time with the Lord. Several were saved, several sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. We had good order and about \$56.00 in free will offerings were taken. The Holy Ghost took charge in one service in which Sister Womack did not get to preach. Our pastor, Brother Dixon Barrett, assisted the girls in the preaching. Pray that this revival will not die out in our souls but will continue to burn until the Lord comes or calls for us.

Sisters Martha and Lula went right on from here to Winona, Miss. to start another revival. We pray God's richest blessings on them. God is really blessing their work. We desire your prayers.—A sister in Christ, Sallie Womack.

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WALTERBORO, S. C.—A revival just closed at the tabernacle five miles out from Walterboro, S. C. A great time was enjoyed by the whole community. Brother J. R. Abbott and coworkers were in charge. Twelve were saved, two filled with the precious Holy Ghost. One sister who was very ill was healed, also one brother was wonderfully healed of heart attacks, for which we praise the Lord. Brother Abbott's thirteen-year-old daughter gave out some wonderful messages, also Brother E. H. West travels with Brother Abbott, was used of the Lord in giving out some wonderful sermons. Brother Abbott has a string band and the music and singing was glorious. The building was crowded to its capacity and crowds were on the outside who could not get in. There was a shout in the camp, and many souls were made to rejoice. Pray for our little band at this place.—Yours under the blood, Sister L. M. Bishop, Rt. 2, Box 29.

REVIVALS

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—We thank the Lord for our good revival that has just closed at Goldsboro, N. C. The Lord blessed in our first service. Praise His good name. We thank the Lord for sending Brother Ed Carpenter this way. God is crowning his efforts with success. He is also blessing in the good string music Brother Lawrence Berry is rendering. We feel they have been a blessing to the church here. We praise the Lord for the souls that were blessed. Eleven were saved, three sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. We want all the good Valdese people and others to pray for them that God will bless them.—Brother J. G. Houck, district pastor.

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CRESSLEY'S CORNER, Pa. — The Church of God at Cressley's Corner has been gloriously blessed by having with us Sister Clara A. Mullikin and Brother and Sister Edwin Tull, whom God is using to His own glory. Sister Mullikin is well known throughout the State of Pennsylvania and other states as well and God has always blessed her labors. Brother and Sister Tull, a young couple whom God has placed with Sister Mullikin, are a blessing to any church. They sing and pray together and take a great interest in the Y. P. E. services which is a blessing and life to any church. Brother Tull is also a good preacher. We thank God for their work here and the way He blessed their labor. Thirteen were saved, eleven sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water, and eleven added to the church. This has been a wonderful blessing to us. We ask the prayers of God's people for those who are going from place to place. Also pray for us at Cressley's Corner.—Your brother in Christ, S. E. Burton, Barnesboro, Pa.

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ELLWOOD CITY, Pa.—Sister Hazel Miller of Uniontown, Pa. concluded a three weeks' revival in the Church of God at Rochester. The young evangelist won the hearts of the unsaved as well as the Christians, by her Christlike personality and spiritual messages. Deep conviction was felt by many and we expect much good to result from the meetings. She stands foursquare for the Church of God and its teachings. She is a good singer and plays the guitar.—Yours for the Church of God, Norman Cunningham, pastor, Rt. 2, c/o C. E. Gillespie.

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BRIGHTON, Mo.—We are glad we had a part in the sacrifice offering for

the orphans, and we also thank the good Lord for the nice painting of the resurrection that we received for helping in this offering for the orphans. People will give to the orphans when they won't give to other offerings.

This assembly year is nearly out. We

are glad the little church here is paid in full and we did our part in helping to raise that \$357.27 for the state in the orpharage offering. We pray that God will help us next year to do more for Him. Let us all work and go over the top for God.—O. B. Presley, pastor.

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While this continues in itself or strength, nothing can divide those whom love has united. It is only when our love grows cold that we can think of separating from our brethren and this is certainly the case with any one who willingly separates from the Church of God. The pretences for separating may be innumerable but want of love is always the real cause, otherwise they would still hold the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. It is therefore contrary to all those commands of God, wherein brotherly love is enjoined, to that of St. Paul, "Let brotherly love continue," to that of St. John, "My beloved children, love one another," and especially to that of our blessed Master, "This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you. Yea, by this, saith he, shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another." Such a separation is evil in itself. Being a breach of brotherly love, it opens a door to all unkind tempers, evil surmisings to serve the uncharitable judging of each other, also creating a present hell. There will arise lying and slandering, bitter words, tale bearing, backbiting, anger, jealousy, and envy which finally drown many in to everlasting perdition. Well did our blessed Lord say, "Woe unto the world because of offence, yet it must needs be that offences will come." When a break of this sort is made in the Church of God, or any church while they that left it endeavor to justify themselves by censuring those they separate from and those on the other hand resent the charge and strive to lay the blame on them, but oh, how the Holy Ghost is grieved. Parties will be formed on one side and on another whereby the love of many will wax cold and the desire of promoting the work of the Church of God will grow languid and die away. Oh, then what grievous stumbling blocks must those things be to those who are without, to those who are strangers to religion or salvation. How will they triumph over those once eminent Christians? They say what are they better than us? It will cause them to harden their hearts against the truth, where if the right example had been shown, they would have been won for Christ and His Church. My prayer is that all in the great Church of God will think of this matter calmly and not to tear asunder the sacred ties that bind us as one, and that all will follow peace with all men, not only seeking peace but ensuing it. Let us not be weary of well doing but press forward as one great army for the salvation of souls.

MISSIONS

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prayer while the old brother was filling a bottle for me to bring back home. A hurried farewell followed, after which I was off on the run again to join the troop caravan at the main road. I missed my dinner, so the man in charge of the Red Cross unit gave me a box of "hardtack"—soldier biscuits—and a couple of first-aid packages, in case they should be needed. The trip back to Jerusalem was without interest, except the road had been blown up in one place and several large stones had been placed in the right of way. The telephone and telegraph lines had been cut and at one place we halted for some time, while the soldiers were deployed at strategic points along the way, and the Lewis (machine) guns were mounted. Motorcycle scouts were also on the alert, but the brigands retreated and never came back to give battle. No one was allowed on the streets of Jerusalem between 7:00 P. M. and 5:00 A. M. Later this was extended to include a 500-foot strip on either side of the main highway for a distance of sixteen miles out. I just made it back in time to get inside before the curfew went.

CONCLUSION

This will conclude my writings on the Palestine trip, being the seventh of a series of articles. I also made a trip to Tel Aviv-Joppa, or Jaffa, but will not take time to describe it, only to say it was very interesting. Some of the important places passed en route were, Ain Karim, the home of Zacharias and Elizabeth, and the birthplace of John the Baptist. Emmaus, where the two walked with Jesus after the resurrection, not knowing it was the Lord, when they later said, "Did not our hearts burn within?" Then there was Latrun the home of the dying thief, and the valley of Ajalon where Joshua commanded the moon to stand still, while the sun rested upon Gideon. The road took us through a plain country bordering on Sharon, where agriculture was flourishing, with Jewish colonies everywhere. One could also see the Arabs transporting the grain on the backs of camels, to the threshing floor to be trodden out by other animals, quite in contrast to the modern harvesting machinery of the Jews. One may still see one with an ox-team plowing with a crooked stick, adjoining a field where another is driving a modern tractor-plow. I did not get into the old city, as it was not permissible at the time because of the fighting. The police and soldiers had to dynamite and blast their way through a section of the old quarter, making a new roadway to the water front, there was so much shooting and bombing going on.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, I have been in a weakened condition for twelve years and I was informed by a friend of mine, and sister in Jesus, to write you for prayer. Please pray that I will be healed and filled with the Holy Ghost. I have made up my mind to go through in Jesus' dear name. I am so nervous and weak. Pray earnestly for me, I need special prayer as the devil is fighting against me so hard.—M. Woodson, Lester, W. Va.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray for the healing of my body. I have been in bad health for over three years. I know the Lord is able to heal and I am trusting Him. Also pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Clara Lackey, Calahan St., Rome, Ga.

Dear saints of God everywhere, our little Church of God at Cacocon, by the name of Press On, desires your prayers that God will pour out His Spirit in a wonderful way. We are not many in number but we hope through the grace of God to increase. We want to have a revival, so pray that many souls will be saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the dear old Church of God. Pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost, also pray for my unsaved husband, brother, and sister. I am so weak and feeble yet it's my heartfelt desire that the Church of God will be established in the whole Island of Jamaica in the proper way. We have quite a few churches, yet I feel that the Church of God could be more established here. We want missionaries in this little island. I see in the Evangel of Aug. 1, 1936 that there will be the Annual Assembly Oct. 2-8 and I believe Brother H. A. Hudson, overseer of Jamaica, will be over. I pray that the Lord will send out a few of the pastors from over there to go around and visit the churches here. Please pray for my efforts to be a success and that the dear Lord will bless me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lillett Nicholas, Cacocon Riverside P. O., Hanover, Jam., B. W. I.

Dear saints, please pray for me for I am very weak with T. B. Pray for my soul.—Jimmie Mahan, Wharnccliffe, W. Va.

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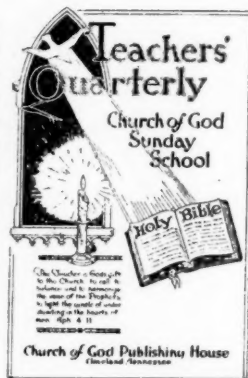
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